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REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Claims 12-23 are pending. The amendments are fully supported by the original disclosure. For example, claims 12 and 22 are supported respectively by page 3, lines 9-17, and page 4, lines 3-14, of the specification. Thus, no new matter is added by their entry.

The specification was objected to as informal. The portion of the disclosure noted by the Examiner is corrected.

Claims 1-11 were objected to as informal. They are replaced with new claims 12-23 to moot this objection.

Claims 1-11 were rejected under Section 112, second paragraph, as being allegedly "indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention." Applicants traverse because the Examiner's objections are mooted by entry of the new claims 12-23.

Applicants request withdrawal of the Section 112, second paragraph, rejection because the pending claims are clear and definite.

The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter is gratefully acknowledged. It is submitted that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Thus, Applicants earnestly solicit an early Notice to that effect. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if any further information is required.

Respectfully submitted.

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